

of allowing individual States to establish laws that work for them as provided in our Constitution.

Voters in each congressional district across the country are best informed to choose their congressional representation. They do not need interference from Washington, D.C.

We should be working to pass bipartisan and commonsense voting laws, not pushing a partisan agenda and playing political games. Let's make sure that everyone can vote and that every vote counts.

#### IMPROVE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an urgent problem facing my district. Each and every one of these dots represents children with elevated toxic levels of lead in their blood. The red dots represent the higher levels, the yellow dots, obviously, the lower levels. You could almost draw my district if you follow the red dots.

The fact is, Madam Speaker, that many of these kids are being poisoned by lead in their homes and, yes, even in their schools. This is a problem that disproportionately affects Latinos in our community.

We need action to replace these lead pipes and ensure our kids have clean, safe water, no matter where they live. That is why I am proud of our work in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This law will bring \$2.9 billion to replace lead pipes in Texas schools.

While we have more work to do, our work in this Chamber is a critical first step to improving our infrastructure and protecting our children.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CLARENCE MORGAN

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Clarence Morgan the longtime county recreation director for Effingham County.

Clarence started with the department in 1980 and worked until he was promoted to director in 2001. His passion for health and wellness, including promoting an active lifestyle for community members, culminated in his development of the Effingham County Recreation Department.

With limited resources and hard work, Clarence managed to grow the program into one of the top programs in the State. In 2020, the brand new, state-of-the-art gym was opened and named in his honor.

Known by all for his integrity and great strength of character, Clarence

dedicated his life to ensuring a brighter, healthier future for Effingham County residents. The department that he re-ignited is a testament to his life's work. Our State and our community will forever remember the life and legacy of Clarence Morgan.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family and his friends as we mourn the loss of this great Georgian.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARTA MACIAS BROWN

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Marta Macias Brown, a longtime public servant, community leader, and beloved constituent of mine.

I had the privilege of knowing Marta way before I took office and started representing a portion of Marta's late husband's district, the former Congressman George E. Brown, Jr., whose portrait hangs as a former chairman in the Science Committee room.

Marta dedicated her career to advocating for social justice, women's rights, and high-quality education for students. She used her voice to eliminate barriers and create spaces for marginalized groups.

She was a proud Latina. She co-founded one of the first Spanish publications in the Inland Empire called *El Chicano*, to share important news with our community.

Marta spent her life uplifting and empowering others, and anyone who knew her or knew of her could easily speak to the love that she had for her community and the commitment she embodied for equality.

To the Macias Brown family and all those who knew, loved, and respected her, I offer my deepest condolences. Marta's legacy will always be cherished.

#### HONORING 77 KENTUCKIANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES TO HORRIFIC TORNADOES IN DECEMBER 2021

(Mr. GUTHRIE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 77 Kentuckians who lost their lives to the horrific tornadoes that devastated our Commonwealth this December. May we continue to lift up all of those who were affected by these storms and support the rebuilding of homes, businesses, and livelihoods.

We lost 17 Kentuckians in my district, all in my home county of Warren County. We must ensure their memories are never forgotten, and I ask that Americans keep these families and these names in their prayers: Alisa Besic, Alma Besic, Elma Besic, Samantha Besic, Selmir Besic, Nariah

Brown, Nollynn Brown, Nyles Brown, Nyssa Brown, Rachel Brown, Steven Brown, Terry Jayne, Say Meh, Cory Scott, Victoria Smith, Mae White, and Robert Williams, Jr.

May they rest in peace.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SENATOR HARRY REID

(Mr. HORSFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a great son of Nevada, Senator Harry Mason Reid.

Senator Reid was raised in a home with dirt floors in Searchlight, Nevada. And even as he rose to the highest levels of power, including this Chamber, he never forgot his small-town roots.

In the Senate, he fought for all of us. He championed the DREAM Act and brought young Dreamers to Capitol Hill. He fought against Yucca Mountain. And because of his work to pass the Affordable Care Act, 31 million Americans have healthcare today.

Most people don't know this, but long before he was a Senator, he paid his way through law school by serving with the U.S. Capitol Police. He protected this Capitol, and he defended our democracy.

Senator Reid, thank you for your lifetime of service. May you rest in peace.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF WAYNE CALVIN SMITH

(Mr. CAWTHORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAWTHORN. Madam Speaker, I was raised with one brother. But I truly felt like I had dozens and dozens of siblings. You see, my cousins and I grew up a little differently than most families. We had a patriarch of our family who made sure that multiple times a year we all got together for a big hoorah. Fourth of July, kids' week, Christmas, many of my favorite memories in my entire life stem from the times we all gathered at the mountain house. Wayne Smith, my great uncle, taught us, the way to be truly wealthy was to have a strong family.

Pappaw passed away on January 10. He was about to celebrate 63 years of marriage. He was able to touch people's souls with the way he talked. He would skip classes in high school so that he could work, yet still managed to be one of the wisest men I have ever known.

He taught all of his grandsons how to drive a stick shift in a pickup truck he had since 1993. He made a bet with his son to quit smoking and held up his end of the bargain for 43 years.

He was the original grill master in our family. He drank his coffee black or didn't drink it at all.

I am very proud to say that he got to see the Braves win the World Series last season.